

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Delaware State Historic Preservation Office recent accomplishments

Office's programs help to preserve Delaware's historic places and unique cultural identity.

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Division to sponsor 16 special events during April 2018

Highlights include programs on Delaware's Dutch heritage, Buena Vista's First Annual Spring Open House and The Old State House's Coffee-Hour Lecture Series.

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Gov. Carney signs Abandoned Cultural Property Act

Law allows Delaware museums to establish title to property that has been donated or left with them after a loan period had terminated and the lender could not be found.

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The man who talked to birds

Article on conservationist and Victor recording artist Charles Kellogg.

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Division to replace New Castle Academy roof

Improvements slated to begin in the spring of 2018.

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Division notes passing of former director John R. Kern

Historian and preservationist served as the division's director between 1984 and 1988.

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Help Save Delaware History

Division architectural historian Kara Briggs completes historic-preservation fellowship

ARCUS Professional Fellowships strengthen the skills of emerging leaders in the cultural heritage and historic preservation movement.

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Lewes Historical Society to honor 5 for preservation

Sussex Countian, Georgetown, Del.—March 27, 2018

Tim Slavin, division director and state historic preservation officer to deliver remarks at April 12, 2018 event.

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Historic building along the Brandywine River still in jeopardy of collapsing

WDEL Radio, Wilmington, Del.—Feb. 22, 2018

Article on Walker's Bank property.

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National Fund for Sacred Places

Grants available to congregations of all faiths for rehabilitation work on their historic facilities. **Letters of Intent due April 17.**

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“Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017”

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Here's What Protects Shipwrecks From Looters and Hacks](#)

Gizmodo, online publication—March 27, 2018.

Article notes case of HMB DeBraak.

[New trail dedication at Abbott's Mill Nature Center](#)

Milford Chronicle, Del.—March 20, 2018

Division leases mill to the Delaware Nature Society.

[Zwaanendael Museum: A grotesque Fiji merman dwells within this traditional Dutch-style building](#)

Atlas Obscura, online publication—March 12, 2018.

Article on the division museum in Lewes.

Articles celebration division's accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums

Accreditation is the highest recognition afforded to museums in the United States.

[Levy Court celebrates Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' accreditation](#)

Dover Post, Del.—March 16, 2018

[Legislators celebrate Belmont Hall accreditation](#)

Smyrna-Clayton Sun-Times, Del.—March 5, 2018

[Fenwick Island Lighthouse accredited by American Alliance of Museums](#)
Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—March 4, 2018

Media coverage of enactment of Delaware's Abandoned Cultural Property Act

Gov. Carney signed the legislation in a ceremony in The Old State House on March 8, 2018.

[New law aids museums](#)

UDaily, University of Delaware, Newark—March 20, 2018

[DE House Bill 231 in effect giving museums legal ownership to property](#)

WMDT TV, Salisbury, Md.—March 8, 2018

Events

Wednesday, April 4

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, April 5

[Let the Music Play: Inventions From Eldridge Reeves Johnson](#) – The Old State House

Thursday–Sunday, April 6–15

[Lewes Tulip Celebration](#) – Downtown Lewes

Saturday, April 7

[Prohibition in the First State](#) – The Old State House

[Songwriting: Poetry Through Music](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[First Annual Spring Open House](#) – Buena Vista Mansion

[Rededication of the Johnson Victrola Museum](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Thursday, April 12

[Nylon: A Success in Seaford](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, April 14

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Medicine in America in the 18th Century Before and During the America Revolution](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, April 15

[Bowers Beach Museum](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Wednesday, April 18

[Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation Meeting](#) – Delaware Public Archives

Thursday, April 19

[ILC and the Space Suit](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, April 21

[Dutch-American Friendship Day](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Earth Day at the John Dickinson Plantation](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Blood Diamond: The Murder of Ebe Lynch](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Sunday, April 22

[Festival at the Fort](#) – Wilmington's Seventh Street peninsula

[The DuBois, Van Meter and Nieuwkirk families of Salem County, New Jersey](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, April 26

[Doctor James Tilton and the Tilton Hut](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, April 28

[King's Day](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

[Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[Rose Color to Gold to Glowing Red: Orville and Ethel Peets in Paris 1913-1914](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation



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